

SAINT HELEN'S PARISH
23rd SUNDAY OF THE YEAR

8th September 2019



Life of Faith? Work Out the Cost!

WHAT DO THE SCRIPTURES SAY?

Wisdom reveals to us God and God's ways – but who's wisdom: Ours, or God's? The Old Testament character of Wisdom is sometimes seen as a revelation of the Holy Spirit, sometimes as the Christ. In the flesh, in the Gospel, Jesus speaks common sense, but warns that sticking to it seriously is challenging. Paul, still a prisoner of Christ Jesus, experiences that truth. But it doesn't prevent him speaking, seeking, and living-out the liberating and gentle love of God for each one of us, in Christ Jesus.

TODAY'S SCRIPTURE: (Psalter: Week 3)

Wisdom 9: 13 – 18.

Who can divine the will of the Lord?

Response: Psalm 89.

You turn men back into dust
and say, 'Go back, sons of men.'
To your eyes a thousand years //
are like yesterday, come and gone,
no more than a watch in the night.

You sweep men away like a dream,
like grass which springs up in the morning.
In the morning it springs up and flowers:
by evening it withers and fades.

Make us know the shortness of our life
that we may gain wisdom of heart.
Lord relent! Is your anger for ever?
Show pity to your servants.

In the morning, fill us with your love;
we shall exult and rejoice all our days.
Let the favour of the Lord be upon us:
give success to the work of our hands.

Philemon 9 – 10. 12 – 17.

Have him back, not as a slave any more, but as a dear brother.

Acclamation for the Gospel:

Alleluia, Alleluia. Alleluia!
I call you my friends, says the Lord,
because I have made known to you
everything I have learnt from my Father.
Alleluia, Alleluia. Alleluia!

Luke 14: 25 – 33.

None of you can be my disciple unless he gives up all his possession.

"To your eyes a thousand years //
are like yesterday come and gone" *Psalm 89.*
Man: What is a million years to you?
God: Like one second.
Man: What is a million pound sterling to you?
God: Like one penny.
Man: Can I have a penny!?
God: Just a second ...



Prayer of the Faithful: R/. Lord, show pity to your servants.

MASS AND SERVICES DURING THE WEEK:

Sat 7 th September	6.30pm	23rd SUNDAY of the YEAR Harold + Johana Jones (P+PAJ)
Sun 8 th September	10.30am	23rd SUNDAY of the YEAR For the People of the Parish
Mon 9 th September	2.00pm 7.10pm	Mass for the sick Service of the Word
Tues 10 th September	9.45am 10.00am	Morning Prayer of the Church Val Donovan (MD)
Wed 11 th September	9.45am 10.00am	Saint Deiniol , Bishop Morning Prayer of the Church Thanksgiving (GF) Adoration 2 to 4 pm & 6 to 8 pm
Thurs 12 th September	9.45am 10.00am	Morning Prayer of the Church Pat Griffiths (CP)
Fri 13 th September	9.45am 10.00am	Saint John Chrysostom , Bishop and Doctor of the Church Morning Prayer of the Church Margherita Antoniazzi (LA)
Sat 14 th September	am 5.45 – 6.15pm 6.30pm	The Triumph of the Cross The Sacrament of Reconciliation 24th SUNDAY of the YEAR Mervyn Williams (SW)
Sun 15 th September	10.30am	24th SUNDAY of the YEAR For the People of the Parish



THE SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION:

Saturday 5.45pm to 6.15pm, or at any time by arrangement with the priest.

CATECHESIS – SHARING FAITH

PARENTS' PREPARATION for BAPTISM starts this Wednesday (7.00pm in the Small Meeting Room of the Hall). See you there!

PREPARING OUR CHILDREN FOR RECONCILIATION (and Communion) starts on Tuesday 24th: Don't forget to register!



Where is wisdom? God? How do we know? Jesus? – who is he? **SEEKING FAITH** starts on Thursday 19th September (7.30pm s.m.r.) for anyone who wants to look, or look again.

Alternatively, an **ALPHA COURSE** starts in the Old Library, on October 1st.

FUNERAL PLANNING: if you would like to plan your funeral, please contact 02920863450 to make an appointment

BEREAVED? BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT provides a safe place to enable you to come to terms with your grief. One-to-one and group support available. For details contact 02920 863450.



2020 has been designated the '**YEAR OF THE WORD**' for us, with the tag line '**THE GOD WHO SPEAKS**'. The Diocesan launch will be here in Saint Helen on Saturday 19th October. As a Parish, we will also prepare together with a '**BIBLE WEEKEND**' led by the 'Catholic Bible School', 15 – 17th November. To prepare the ground and plan the weekend David Beresford, the director of the School will visit this Monday, 9th September. He asks that we form a small team to work with him over the next weeks: see you there!

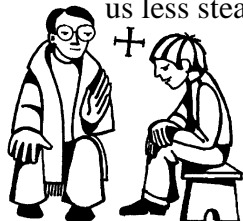
THE ANNUAL MASS FOR THE SICK is this Monday, 2pm, in the church. If you know of anyone sick or house-bound who would like to attend, and needs help getting there, please contact Father, or Louisa Antoniazzi on 20 883462. If you are able to help with arrangements, or offer a lift, please use the same contacts to make your offer. If you can come to join in the Mass, and/or the tea after, please don't hesitate to be part of our care for our older or infirm brothers and sisters. Thank You!



Planning our BIBLE WEEKEND begins on Monday evening, 7.30pm in the Hall, with David Beresford: The evening is open to us all: those passionate about scripture; those who work with it as readers, teachers, or catechists; those of us interested in getting to know more; those who feel it rather washes over them at weekend Mass, but doesn't always seem to mean much; and those for whom it still feels like more of a protestant than a catholic book, or a closed book.

BAPTISM PREPARATION FOR PARENTS starts this Wednesday, in the Hall, 7pm.

Next Sunday we will celebrate the **MORNING MASS OUTSIDE** (weather permitting!) Please bring a chair or camping stool or a picnic rug to sit on, and a picnic to enjoy on the sunny lawn after Mass. There will be a small number of sturdy chairs provided for those who would struggle to bring their own, and Wayne is keeping the lawns smooth and tight-cropped to make it easier for those of us less steady on our feet. Lets start praying for a fine weekend!



Preparing for RECONCILIATION – Growing into COMMUNION

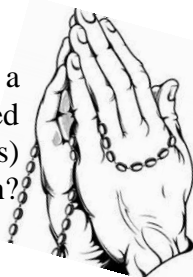
Please get your enrolment in as soon as possible, and by next Sunday as the very latest, to ensure there is a book for your child.

THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE PARISH will be on **Monday 23rd September**, 7.30pm in the hall: As well as a quick review the past 2 years, information (and maybe decisions) on two projects for the future – the Homeless Pods, and a proposed expansion of the church porch.

(Group and Ministry Leaders – have you got your reports in to Jo Caruana yet?)

TWO DAYS FOR CATECHISTS given by **DAVID WELLS**: Saturday 5th October and Saturday 9th November at the Pastoral Resources Centre, Limited places, so if you would like to attend (sponsored by the Parish) please speak to Father, or book directly via www.rcadcschools.org and use the Book a Course facility or email ccrs@rcadc.org.

“INTERCESSORS” Could you join a small group of people ready to be contacted to pray (at home on your own, or with others) about particular cares or needs in the parish?



ALSO URGENTLY NEEDED:

Help with the **Children's Liturgy of the Word** on Sunday mornings: If you could help share the Sunday Scriptures with our children, please talk to Father John.

PARISH PRAYER LIST: In our prayers we are asked to pray for all who are sick or housebound, and those who care for them, including:

Teresa Meade	Sheila Harris	Graham Jenkins	Sandra Bray	Lloyd Jones
John Maguire	Cecelia Mawby	Pat + Pino Emanuelli	David Mabey	Isobel Cummins
Pauline Richards	Margaret Jones	Claris Howell	Carol Morrissey	Bill Morrissey
Pat Starynski	Yvonne Grandon	Gordon Clinch	Barbara Jones	Remo Fecci
Anne Morgan	David Emery	Louisa Antoniazzi	Rosa Chanon	Frank Colley
Mary & Wilson Brown				

PRAYER CYCLE FOR OUR DIOCESE: This week we are asked to remember and pray for the Parishes of The Immaculate Conception, Tredegar, Saint John, Rhymney, and All Saints, Ebbw Vale, with their priest Revd. Joseph Menash (Accra Diocese), and Saint Joseph's primary School Tredegar and All Saint Primary School, Ebbw Vale.

SAINT HELEN'S COMMUNITY CENTRE – THIS WEEK:



Date	Time	Event
Mon 9 th September	9.30am 1.15 – 3.15pm 2.00 pm 7.30pm	Parents & Toddlers Little Voices Mass with the Sick (in church) Bible School (Preparation meeting)
Wed 11 th September	9.30am 4.00pm 7.00pm	Parents & Toddlers Saint Helen's School Governors Baptism Preparation (s.m.r.)
Thurs 12 th September	7.00am – 11.00am 2.00pm – 4.00pm	Slimming World Sunshine Club
Fri 13 th September	1.00pm	History Group
Sat 14 th September	9.30am – 12.30pm	Dance
Sun 15 th September	11.30am	Tea, Coffee, & Biscuits

OFFERTORY COLLECTION	1 st September 2019
Gift Aid Weekly	£ 102.00
Non Gift Aid Weekly	£ 94.97
Gift Aid Standing Orders (69)	£ 502.04
Non Gift Aid Standing Orders (10)	£ 65.00
Loose	£ 268.32
TOTAL	£1002.33 <i>Many thanks</i>

LOTTERY BONUS BALL CONGRATULATIONS to Tom Foley and Ann Head, the winners of the Bonus Ball no. 39. A total of £87.00 was made for parish funds. **TRY YOUR LUCK AGAIN THIS WEEK.**

PARISH 200 CLUB DRAW for August: 1st prize £25.00 (No. 61) Mr K. Anthony; 2nd prize £20.00 (No.74) Simon Williams; and 3rd prize £15.00 (No. 71) Maria Walton. **CONGRATULATIONS!** Renewal letters are available in the church porch for members to collect. There are some spare numbers available if you wish to join. Please contact Stuart on 01495 229102.

RED A.P.F. MISSION BOX Collection: Yes, it's that time of year again, time to bring in your mission boxes for emptying. Please do not delay, bring them in as soon as possible. Thank you.

THE CATECHISM OF THE CATHOLIC FAITH

Part One: **THE PROFESSION OF FAITH.** Section One: 'I Believe' – 'We Believe'

THE TRANSMISSION OF DIVINE REVELATION

II. The Relationship between Tradition and Sacred Scripture

One common source...

(79) 'Sacred Tradition and Sacred Scripture, then, are bound closely together, and communicate one with the other. For both of them, flowing out from the same divine well-spring, come together in some fashion to form one thing, and move towards the same goal.' (DV9.) Each of them makes present and fruitful in the Church the mystery of Christ, who promised to remain with his own "always, to the close of the age". (Matthew 28:20.)

Catechism of the Catholic Church 1992.

Parish Directory

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